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Applicants: Pingyu Zhong, et al.

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 31, 2008, having a shortened statutory period for reply that expired on June 30, 2007. Enclosed herewith is a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time to extend the period for response through July 30, 2007.

In the event, that any additional extension of time is deemed required, please treat this paper as a request under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) to charge Deposit Account No. 13-2755 the appropriate large entity fee, referencing attorney docket number AX0001ID, in order to avoid abandonment.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this submission.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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By Luisa Tournes Date 7/30/08  
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